

Granite District Board Members – Greetings!

**June 18, 2013**

In April I gave you the attached report on my progress with the Walker Lane boundary study, having met with the 6 School Community Councils of the involved schools. You also received community input at that board meeting, hearing positives and negatives from both sides of the issue and both sides of the fence. In April you decided not to shorten the timeline of this study, keeping with the timeline of our study policy, as well as to give Dan the opportunity to return and be involved in the process.

The study policy has me return to you with a report in June. Typically I would review with you possible scenarios and options and recommendations and you would give me guidance on these. Though this is not needed in this situation, I did feel it prudent to discuss upcoming steps we will need to conduct in the fall.

You will recall last September I came to you with the Granger Elem / Rolling Meadows boundary study and the Valley Crest / Neil Armstrong study. We discussed the best solution to these studies and how we would invite the impacted households to attend an open house. Though the meeting is indeed an open house, we don't directly send invitations to all the families in the school boundary to attend the open house, just the families that are being directly impacted and thereby would be changing home schools. We invite them to review the boundary maps, to review the walking routes and / or bus routes, to converse with us and to offer us their feedback.

So this evening I propose we look ahead and discuss how we might approach the open house aspect of the Walker Lane study. To get us started do you have any questions we might address?

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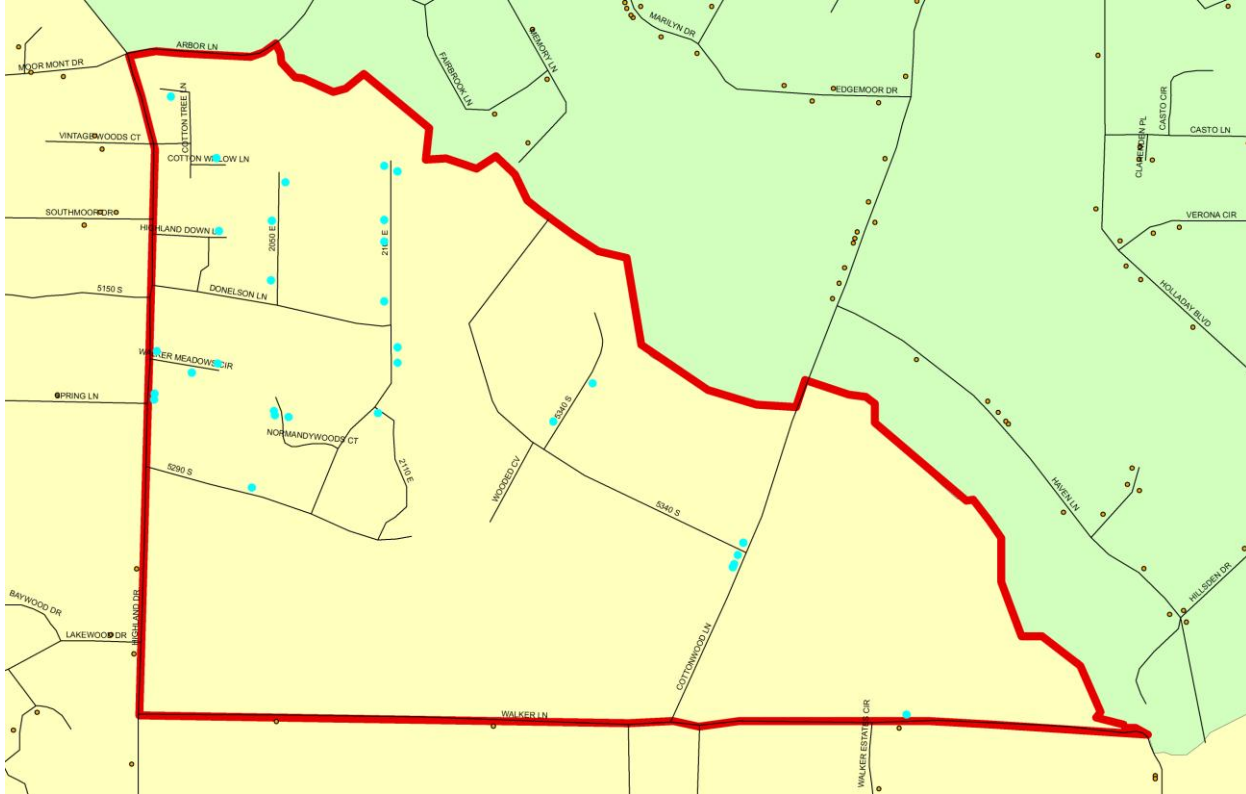
Thank you,

Bryce Holbrook

**April 9, 2013**

This is an information item with discussion on the Walker Lane boundary study.

**The Study:** The area under consideration is east of Highland Drive, North of Walker Lane and South/South West of Cottonwood Creek, as seen below.



The request is to formally move this area out of the Oakwood Elementary boundary, out of the Bonneville Junior boundary, and out of the Cottonwood High boundary; moving it into the Cottonwood Elementary boundary, into the Olympus Junior boundary and into the Olympus High boundary.

**Boundary History:** For your informational awareness, years ago this specific area, as outlined in red, was officially in the Cottonwood Elementary boundary. On November 29, 2005, as part of the Big Study, this area was officially moved into the Oakwood Elementary boundary. The specific reason was in harmony with the objective of the Big Study, to better align feeder systems and eliminate split feeder schools where feasible. At that time (2005) Cottonwood Elementary was a split feeder into Bonneville Junior and Olympus Junior. There is a misnomer that this neighborhood also was in the Olympus Junior and Olympus High boundary and the 2005 study changed that. The Walker Lane area was the split feeder neighborhood at Cottonwood Elementary and it was decided to move this area into the Oakwood boundary, which then helped create a cleaner feeder pattern within both the Olympus Network and the Cottonwood Network.

It is generally realized that after a boundary change is made many resident students continue with the school they are most familiar with. This trend dissipates over time and the boundary settles as planned for. With the Walker Lane neighborhood, this trend never solidified after the 2005 Big Study. A combination of tradition and preference has the majority of students not attending Oakwood, Bonneville Junior and Cottonwood High. As I study the number of open window permits from 2008 to 2012, significant number of students exercise choice and attend Cottonwood Elementary, Olympus Junior and Olympus High rather than their home boundary schools. Below are the 2012-2013 counts showing the consistency of this trend.

<b>Between Creek and Walker Lane</b>	<b>Resident Students</b>	<b>Cottonwood network</b>	<b>Olympus network</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Elem</b>	33	9 (27%) Oakwood El	21 (64%) CottonwoodEl	3 (9%) Other elem
<b>Jr High</b>	19	2 (11%) Bonneville	16 (84%) Olympus Jr	1 (5%) Wasatch Jr
<b>Sr High</b>	16	1 (6%) CottonwoodHS	12 (75%) Olympus HS	3 (19%) Skyline HS

The School Community Councils of Cottonwood Elementary, Olympus Junior High and Olympus Senior High are well aware of this trend as some of the PTA and SCC board members are from this neighborhood. Some of these adults attended the proposed feeder pattern as students themselves. The corresponding SCC's (Cottonwood Elem, Olympus Jr and Olympus Sr) all stated "in favor" of incorporating the Walker Lane neighborhood into their official boundaries, recognizing that the majority of the students are already registered and attending these schools.

The School Community Councils of Oakwood Elementary, Bonneville Junior High and Cottonwood High each "oppose" the changing of this neighborhood away from the Cottonwood Network. They also expressed the concern if the board did approve this boundary change the message would be, "the grass is greener at the neighboring schools" and would be an inappropriate message to give to the community.